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In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kazumasa FUKAZAWA et al.

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For : STRUCTURE OF MAIN FRAME FOR CONSTRUCTION

: MACHINES AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO INFORMAL APPLICATION

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 5, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Informal Application, mailed August 4, 2004, applicant is submitting herewith an executed Substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application for the above-identified application. A copy of the aforementioned notice is also attached hereto.

The notice stated that a new oath or declaration that identifies this application number and the citizenship of each inventor is required. The attached Substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application identifies the application number of the present application, identifies the citizenship of each inventor, and fulfills all the other requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.63. Therefore, it is believed that the filing of the attached Substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application rectifies any informalities in the present application, concerning the oath or declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.63.

The notice did not set forth a time period for responding thereto. The notice stated that the period for correcting the informalities noted therein and avoiding abandonment is set forth in the accompanying Office action. However, the notice was mailed by itself, and no Office action was attached thereto. Since the notice did not set forth a period for response of less than six months, a response to the notice can be filed within six months from the mailing date thereof, or in other words, on or before February 4, 2005. 37 C.F.R. §1.134.

The notice did not indicate that any fee was due for the filing of the attached Substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be required. In the event this paper is not timely filed applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due such as any fee for the filing of the attached Substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, may be charged to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- 1. Copy of Notice of Informal Application
- 2. Executed Substitute declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application